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TUC "BREAKAWAY" MOVEMENT

DE HAVILLAND'S BODY

Whiteclaire, Kent, Oct. 8.
The sea has washed up the body of 31-year-old Geoffrey De Havilland, Britain's No. 1 test pilot, whose experimental jet plane disintegrated in the air en route to a target he prepared to assault the British-held world speed record of 616 miles an hour.

An examination revealed that the action of a ramjet aviation engine had suffered a broken arm and leg and head injuries. The body was found 10 miles from the town where witnesses saw De Havilland's plane apparently come to pieces in the air.—Associated Press.

Truman Spoke Off His Own Bat

Washington, Oct. 7. President Truman is a cross purposes not only with the British Government, but also with his own State Department over his recent renewed support of immediate Jewish immigration into Palestine responsible diplomatic quarters in Washington disclosed today.

The President's unqualified support of the latest Jewish Agency plan and his remarks regarding the adjournment of the London-Palestine Conference are understood to be against the specific views of his foreign affairs advisers.

Whether or not Mr. James H. Duggan, of the State Department, pleaded with President Truman to hold off his statements because of its possible repercussions in joint Anglo-American policies in Paris is not immediately known, though the Left Wing newspaper "P.M." reported today that the "State of State" had raised just such objections in a message to the White House from Paris before last Friday. Ruter

SEARCH FOR MISSING CREW OF B-29

(By John Roderick)

Sichong, Oct. 8.—United States Lieutenant Colonel Herbert W. Wurtz with two military and two civilian assistants, began a four-day trek today to inspect the wreckage of a longlost B-29 bomber which three bodies were recovered. They hope to find clues to possible survivors.

General Ho Koy-kwang, Chinese Army commandant at the Western China town, said that he had sent a runner to the distant Lolo tribal village Mouli, Yenyan, to check recurring rumours that American aviators are held there.

"I'm 90 per cent sure, however, that no 'unaccounted' American planes have crashed there during the war," he declared in an interview.

The General has also been seeking survivors of the reported September 20 crash of a Chinese airliner in Lolo territory. There has been no further word of the fate of the 25 persons on board since the plane was reported to be in the dubious protection of a Lolo family.

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Associated Press.

INSPECTION

Washington, Oct. 8.—General Alexander Vandegrift, Commandant of the Marine Corps, will leave on Friday on a 17-day inspection tour of China and the Pacific area. He will visit Pearl Harbor, the Marianas, China and Okinawa in a "routine check-up of Marine installations and units."—Associated Press.

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Organised Schism Possible

London, Oct. 8. Britain's powerful Trades Union Congress disclosed yesterday that it was keeping a weather eye on a "break away" movement, out of which was rising a rival federation of organized labour.

The TUC's General Council, in its annual report prepared for the Labour group's annual meeting next week, said today it was "watching carefully a move by a number of trade unions, some of which are clearly break-away organizations, to set up what is styled as a Federation of Independent Trade Unions."

Officer Identifies Two Jews

Jerusalem, Oct. 7. Captain G. C. Warburton, one of the five British officers captured by terrorists on June 18 in Tel-Aviv and released 16 days later, identified two dusky Oriental Jews as two of his guards when they appeared before a military court here today.

HITLER HAD A SON

Munich, Oct. 8. — Mistress Otto Meishler, wife of Hitler's former Secretary of State said today that Hitler had a son born of the wife of Goebbels.

The son was born in March 1935 and died in the suicide of the Goebbels family in the last days before Berlin's fall, Mrs. Meishler said in an interview.

She said that Goebbels knew that Hitler was the child's father and took advantage of the knowledge. But otherwise, she said, the fact was so secret that "I am the only survivor who knows it."

She said the child's name was Helmut and was the result of a romance between the Fuehrer and Magda Goebbels, while both were vacationing on the Baltic Sea in the summer of 1934.

"He lived in the same hotel as Mrs. Goebbels and visited her so regularly that their relations were obvious."

She said that Hitler maintained an active interest in the child who resembled him.—Associated Press.

GERMANY'S FUTURE

Berlin, Oct. 8.—The United States Secretary of State, Lucius D. Clay said yesterday that the economic unification of the British and United States zones in Germany had aroused Russian and French interest and helped to promote an increase of trade and travel among all four zones.

"There is yet no tendency for them to join us. However, inter-zonal trade and travel between all zones has been increasing and friendly discussions are now going on to make such trade and travel even easier," he said.

Clay said "I don't minimize at all Germany's possibilities to come back over a period of years, but our worries of Germany as a war threat go into the next 15' or 20 years and not the nearer future, unless it should become a pawn," he concluded.—Associated Press.

CRASH TOLL

Apeldoorn, Oct. 8.
The list of schoolboys fatally injured in the crash of a stunting plane onto a school gymnasium has reached 19 with the death in hospital of seven boys. Seven other boys remain in hospital with burns.—Associated Press.

German Protests A "Healthy Sign"

Berlin, Oct. 7.
General Lucius D. Clay, Deputy Military Governor in the United States Zone of Germany, said here today that the Nazi war leaders sentenced to terms of imprisonment by the Nuernberg War Crimes Tribunal could be tried by the Germans after completion of their prison terms.

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Titled Actress On Theft Charge

London, Oct. 7. Lady Elizabeth White, 28-year-old actress daughter of the Dowager Marchioness Townshend, and Paul Anthony Walsh, aged 40, described as of no occupation, were at Marlborough Street Magistrate's Court today sent for trial at the Central Criminal Court.

Attack On Russia's Tactics

Chicago, Oct. 1.—The American Federation of Labour's Executive Council yesterday accused Russia of attempting to use the Paris Peace Conference to extend Soviet control and create "new opportunities

Nothing To Beef About

though he had great sympathy with Lady Towensend in the terrible position she was in. The Marchioness, in evidence, said her daughter brought with her home as a friend, Lady Elizabeth interrupted to say: "The answer is 'I fell in love with him.'"

Always Sleepy

The Marchioness said that she had to go to Wake about articles hanging from her house. "I thought, perhaps the house would soon be empty," she declared.

Washington, Oct. 7.

The United States Army is asking Britain to lend it 20,000,000 lbs. of Argentina's best to feed its troops in Europe.

The meat will if possible be borrowed from 83 per cent of Argentina's exportable surplus which is being bought by Britain under the recent Anglo-Argentine agreement. The request arose from what the United States War Department officials describe as "the critical meat shortage in the American army of occupation in Europe."

—Reuter.

Capetown Smartens Up For King

Johannesburg, Oct. 8.
Plans for the visit of the Royal Family to South Africa next year are taking shape. Town Councils are placing orders for flags, bunting, tassels, gold ropes, bannerettes, pennants, roseates and fireworks. Illuminations and triumphal arches have been ordered and councillors are having new civic robes made. Civic buildings are being smartened up and structurally altered and streets are being resurfaced to smoothe the Royal ride through the precincts of towns. Capetown is building a broad new road that will lead from the gangway of the Vanguard to the city's main street.

British Officers Charged

Nehim, Oct. 8.
Two British officers, one of them the son of Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park, pleaded guilty here yesterday to a charge of manslaughter in fatally wounding a 10-year-old German boy with guns from an armoured car during a raid after a party

U.S. Election Guesses

Washington, Oct. 8. Louis Bean, U.S. Government economist with a reputation for political prognostication, says that a forecast on the outcome of this year's Congressional campaign would be "statistically hazardous."

to ensure the fullest possible secret radio contact between members of the Royal Family in London during the tour. South African Railways, South Africa Broadcasting Corporation and the BRC will operate in this. **Butler.**

Attack On Russia's Tactics

Chicago, Oct. 10.—The American Federation of Labour's Executive Council today accused Russia of attempting to use the Paris Peace Conference to extend Soviet control and create "new opportunities

THE WEATHER

General Situation:— Pressure remains high over China and Manchuria. A vigorous low pressure trough extends from southern Indo-China to the Kuriles and another trough from southern Indo-China to the Philippines.

Forecast:— Moderate NE winds freshening at times. Weather unsteady with occasional rain.

Yesterday's weather:
Maximum: 25.0 deg.
Minimum: 65.5 deg.
Sunshine: Nil.
Rainfall: 0.11 in.
Relative humidity: 91 per cent.

TRUCE HOPES DASHED

Shanghai, Oct. 8. Hopes of a fresh truce in China, in order to allow negotiations for forestalling the danger of a complete national split, were blasted in a statement by Mr. Chen Chia-kang, Communist spokesman in Shanghai, today.

Mr. Chen made three points:—
1. A three-day suspension of the Nationalist drive on Kiangsu, as suggested by Nanking, would serve only as a manoeuvre for the Government to rush up reinforcements and to redesign their troops.
2. The suspension of the drive for ten days, coupled with the confinement of discussions to the number of Communist units in the projected all-party State Council and the assignment of garrison areas to 18 divisions allotted to the Communists under the army reorganization plan, would be tantamount to pressing the Communists to sign a document of surrender within the time limit for discussing all relevant problems between the two parties on an equal footing.
3. There is no truth in the report that the Government has consented to a ten-day country-wide truce.—Reuter.

Statement

Nanking, Oct. 8. The latest bid to bring peace to war-torn China has failed. In a second public statement issued since they assumed joint responsibility to mediate between the Government and Communists, General George Marshall, U.S. Special Envoy, and U.S. Ambassador Leighton Stuart, disclosed this afternoon that Yenan has turned down their proposal for a ten-day truce on the Kalgan front. The Communist reply said: "The proposal would seem to be unless the Government is prepared to withdraw their troops to their original positions, demonstrating the Government's sincerity."

Following the latest breakdown in the attempt to bring the warring parties together, the question now asked by everybody is whether General Marshall still hopes to achieve a settlement or will he go home. It is generally known that General Marshall is very discouraged by recent developments.

Meanwhile, the Communists claim that their 8th Route Army has sent elements of the American equipped Kuomintang 16th Army "staggering back" in the vicinity of Huaihsi, 60 miles southeast of Kalgan. Yenan claims that the Government have lost 5,700 men in the engagement. Government troops stormed into Kaoyu, one of the last Communist strongholds on the Grand Canal in North Kiangsu, about 57 miles northeast of Nanking.—Reuter.

Yenan Claims

Nanking, Oct. 7. Yenan today published figures of losses claimed to have been inflicted by the Communists on Central Government forces in the past three months. The Communists claim the annihilation of two armies, 15 divisions, 47 regiments and 22 battalions, totalling 35,000 killed, 58,000 wounded and more than 95,000 prisoners.

"Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's losses in officers and men to date total 221,000—12 per cent of the Nationalist striking force," Yenan stated.—Reuter.

HONG KONG HOTELS LOST OVER \$2,300,000

War losses amounting to \$2,314,007.43 was announced by Mr. E. M. Raymond, presiding at the first post-war shareholders' meeting of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels Ltd., held yesterday at Exchange Building.

The amount, said Mr. Raymond, was far from complete as further extensive rehabilitation work would be necessary; the cost of which could not be estimated at present.

The hotels themselves suffered of the operations for that unfortunate year, but the profit shown as \$291,977.25 was assessed after taking into account all possible provision for claims that could be outstanding against the Company at the end of that year.

War Losses

A War Losses statement, as at the 31st December, 1945, is annexed to the presented Accounts showing losses, including rehabilitation costs to date amounting to \$8,292. In the sum of \$2,314,007.43. This statement is far from complete and a note appearing thereon states that further extensive costs of rehabilitation, not yet possible of any accurate estimation, will be necessary. You will appreciate that it is not possible at the present juncture, to ascertain exact costs of necessary replacements, and as Hotels are filled to capacity, consequent upon the prevailing housing shortage, it is difficult to commence the renovation work, called for without putting out of commission many rooms for long periods at a time for urgent demand. The Company is, therefore, faced with a rehabilitation programme, which although in progress in many essential respects, will entail a long term to fulfill at costs which may considerably differ from those now current. During the occupational period our Hotels generally, although happily escaping major structural damage, were sadly neglected and, in fact, were not subject to any ordinary measures of maintenance.

Their contents were subject to depredations beyond belief and in the case of Repulse Bay Hotel we found the premises on their return to us merely a shell, furniture and installations having been systematically removed, from all accounts by the occupying force. Extensive stocks of stores and equipment were removed by the Japanese and the War Losses statement reveals the extent of these depredations.

The Sundry Debtors' amount of \$355,438.26 written off here-in is attributable to loss of Hongkong records referred to previously.

Cash and Bank—Funds lost shown at \$118,229.72 has in the main been brought about by the appropriation by the Japanese Authorities of what was a substantial cash balance in Shanghai and which was not possible of remittance to Hong Kong prior to the outbreak of the Pacific War, by the veto of the Stabilisation Board then existent. Its recovery is a matter of conjecture. The total of these losses as ascertained to date appears in the Balance Sheet at the 31st December, 1945, as a deduction from Capital, Reserves and Surplus, and I must emphasize that, at a later date, they will be subject to further augmentation, by reason of the Company being called upon to face heavy capital expenditure to replace the assets damaged or destroyed.

As to current events, the Astor House Hotel, Shanghai, was vacated by the U.S. Army in the course of June last, since when the premises have been leased for a period at a rental considered to be satisfactory. The Palace Hotel's operation is still fettered by having a great part of its accommodation at the disposal of the U.S. Navy. In Hong Kong, our Hotels were de-requisitioned on the 16th June of this year conditional upon our complying with certain conditions as to rates and other charges. In April last it was decided that, in order that full concentration could be centred upon our prime concern, the Hotels and their rehabilitation, it would be advisable to sever our long association with the Garage and Motor Vehicle business and, accordingly, the Shubbs Road Garage Building and Goodwill of our Garage Department undertaking was disposed of. The accounts for the current year will reflect the changed position arising therefrom.

Before closing this brief review, I desire to pay tribute, on behalf of the Board, and I am sure Shareholders also, to those of the Staff, Chinese and Foreign, who, upon release from oppression and internment, immediately did all possible to protect the Company's properties from further depredations, which threatened, and to make available to the public what facilities

Balance Sheet

The 1945 Balance Sheet, apart from clearly recording the losses referred to, embodies a surplus in the Profit and Loss Account of \$304,403.25 accrued over the four months September to December, 1945. In Hong Kong all Hotels and other of the Company's premises were requisitioned by the Administration immediately after the Japanese surrender, at rentals which included allowances for the use and depreciation of contents.

In Shanghai, the Astor House Hotel was allotted for occupation by the U.S. Army and the major part of the accommodation in the Palace Hotel for the U.S. Navy personnel; in such circumstances a trading result was not comparable with what would have emanated from unrestricted operation.

The Balance Sheet is drawn up in such a clear manner that I think you will agree little elucidation is necessary from me. Sundry Debtors in the amount of \$767,655.11 may be considered a high figure but it includes rentals of requisitioned property brought into revenue for the four months period, and since paid, also a substantial claim against the Military Authorities and Government in respect of vehicles and stocks requisitioned during the war in Hong Kong.

A Contingencies Reserve makes its initial appearance on the contra side of the Balance Sheet for the major purpose of offsetting claims, etc., which although considered to be recoverable may not be met or only partly so. Sundry Creditors and Credit Balances may also appear abnormally high but every endeavour has been made to bring into this account all possible claims likely of submission to the Company in respect of the pre-war period.

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VIC OLIVER MARRIES

London, Oct. 7. Comedian Vic Oliver was married at a Registry Office here today to 25-year-old Miss Natalie Emmets, Condon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Condon.

Vic Oliver's marriage to Sarah Churchill, actress daughter of the former Premier, Mr. Winston Churchill, was dissolved a year ago. He is 48.—Reuter.

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Mr. Raymond then proposed the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. R. Johannessen and carried unanimously.

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VETERAN SKIPPER DIES

Fort Worth, Oct. 8. Captain Reginald Dowsett Thomas, 78, pioneer of the Chinese river steamboat service died here yesterday.

Captain Thomas went to sea in 1886 on the England-Australia wool clipper run. Later, he joined the Hong Kong-Canton-Macao Steamship line as captain. He retired in 1925 and became marine superintendent of the Hong Kong Lighter and Wharf companies. He was a captain in the British army in the first world war, serving in France in the Chinese Labour Corps.

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R. S. W. PATERSON, Quartermaster Authority.

Hongkong, 8th October, 1946.

then existed. In Peiping, Shanghai and Hong Kong the spontaneous desire was to rise to the occasion offered and for this we express our grateful thanks.

Mr. Taggart

I must also add a reference to Mr. J. H. Taggart, for many years the Company's Managing Director prior to his retirement in 1941. His interest in the Company remains unabated and I would record that before the Japanese surrender, and despite bad health, he became associated in London with the Unit planning the rehabilitation of the Colony and contributed largely to what is yet to emerge in the future rehabilitation of our Hotels. Further, when in Hong Kong for some four months in the past Winter, he always found the time to interest himself wholeheartedly in the Company's affairs and tender welcome advice thereon from his long association with the Company. In thanking him for these freely offered services I also take the opportunity of wishing him a speedy return to good health and a very happy retirement.

Mr. Raymond then proposed the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. R. Johannessen and carried unanimously.

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo was re-elected to the Board on the motion of Mr. R. A. Dastur, seconded by Mr. H. Gittins.

On the motion of Mr. N. V. A. Crocker, seconded by Mr. M. H. Lo, Messrs. Percy Smith & Co. were re-appointed auditors of the Company.

Supporting Mr. E. M. Raymond in the chair were Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. T. Kadoorie, Mr. H. Kadoorie, Mr. D. C. Davis and Mr. F. C. Barry (Directors).

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BUDDEN—The re-interment of the remains of the late Mr. Henry E. Budden, age 63, who died in the P.O.W. Camp on 9th October 1943, and of his son the late Mr. Gilbert E. Budden, age 24, who died in the same camp on 11th October 1943, will take place in the Old Residents' Section of the Protestant Cemetery, on Thursday, the 10th inst., the funeral passing the Monument, Happy Valley, at 5.30 p.m. All friends of the deceased are invited to attend.

THE N.E.I.

While Britain appears to be doing its best to liquidate its imperial commitments as rapidly as possible, the prudent Dutch, despite their manifold problems of domestic reconstruction, are striving to restore their position in their immense Indonesian empire. Before the war, the Dutch empire was administered as four separate areas—the Netherlands, the Netherlands East Indies, Curacao and Dutch-Guiana. The last two are comparatively small and had the good luck never to be overrun during the war. Far different was the fate of the Dutch homeland and the Netherlands East Indies. The former fell under Hitler's iron occupation, the latter was spoliated by the Japanese. Before the war, the Government in Holland ran all three overseas possessions on a colonial basis. But Queen Wilhelmina, speaking one year after Pearl Harbor, announced that, when eventually the Netherlands and the empire were liberated, all territories would have an equal footing in the re-constituted empire. This is the plan lying behind Dutch efforts to regain some of their former pre-dominance in the East Indies. The difficulties ahead are enormous and are not underestimated by Netherlands political leaders. Borneo, the Celebes and the islands of the archipelago lying east of Java are today under full Dutch control. But the population of these dependencies amounts to more than 10,000,000. Sumatra, with a population of 12,000,000, is almost wholly under native control, and life there has collapsed to the basis of virtual village autonomy. British troops hold the port and oil installations of Palembang, but the oil fields are entirely under so-called "Republican" control. Even in Java, with its enormous population of 38,000,000, the Dutch, with British military aid, have little more than five small bridgeheads. The whole interior of the island is somewhat loosely governed by the self-proclaimed "Indonesian Republicans." All Dutch political parties, with the exception of the extreme right, are agreed that Holland cannot hope to regain the position she had before the war. And nearly everyone is agreed that the only hope of regaining even a position of trade pre-eminence depends on very large concessions of local self-government. It may be recalled that recently Dr. Hubertus J. van Mook, acting Governor-General, called a conference of all the leading native personalities from Borneo, the Celebes, and the islands of the archipelago. They met at Malino, mountain resort in the Celebes. The conference unanimously decided that, for a period of five years, they needed the assistance of Dutch administrators to get their areas on their feet again. Meanwhile, the area which the Dutch have liberated is already beginning to become more prosperous. Trade is getting going again, and the comparative prosperity of the area will probably act as a powerful economic lever on Java. In areas controlled by the "Republicans" where conditions continue to deteriorate. The Dutch Government believes that the combination of an efficient police force, economic pressure and liberal political reforms will succeed in overcoming the present chaos and lawlessness. At the end of this process, they hope that, though they will no longer have anything approaching the political control they had before the war, the Netherlands East Indies will still form a part of an autonomous Dutch empire.

A London Diary

A Young Woman On England

The Australian immigration policy has given a gleam of hope to tens of thousands of young Britons who were lionised in war but find themselves unwanted in peace. These are youngsters who went straight from school to war, youngsters whose natural leadership and ability won them commissions, often of high rank. During the war they changed from boys to men. They fought as men, lived as men. Back in civilian clothes, they

By G. G.

are now finding that industry wants to treat them as boys with the pay of boys. On the Ministry of Labour's Register there is a long, melancholy list of 25,000 ex-officers waiting for jobs with the salaries to which they feel their natural ability, plus their wartime experience, entitles them.

Countless thousands more are told daily by prospective employers: "Unless you start as an apprentice we've no room for you. You have no experience."

The few with private incomes can afford to take low-paid jobs in which they can gain the necessary experience, but the vast majority, without private means, must earn to live. They are being forced to accept jobs as labourers, gardeners, bus-drivers, and kindred jobs, in which there is little hope for advancement and no scope for ambition.

Worst off of all are those who married during the war and now have heavy family responsibilities.

During the war as officers, they often earned over £600 a year, but now they are barely able to earn enough to feed a wife and children, far less to pay the extortionate rent required for a modestly-furnished apartment. These men are the 'cream' of Britain's manpower. Their only failing is that for the last six years they have been fighting instead of learning how to earn a civilian penny.

A Young Girl Spoke For England

There are still many Britons who, despite the food shortage, restrictions and red tape don't want to emigrate. A 13-year-old girl, in a letter to the editor of the "Empire News," voiced the thoughts of the men who want to remain in England. The letter, though full of spelling mistakes, was also full of commonsense.

"The other day I had a trip to Whitby. That was all my mother could afford."

"When I climbed up the cliffs and looked around me I just knew inside me what my father and brothers fought for. I had the blue sky and the calm, mysterious sea, and the flight of lovely seagulls: old cottages, down below and the smell of kippers being cured in the sheds."

"I knew inside me as I stood there alone that all the money in the world couldn't now would ever be able to spoil or break our England."

"Lots of boys have gone overseas. That is a good thing for some because it was through them that we have our wonderful Dominions."

"Today hundreds are wanting to leave us not with thoughts of giving England more gifts, but to help their own selfish ends."

"Can't they see that at present England is ill after a great strain?"

"Does a doctor or nurse run away and leave a mother before her baby is born?"

"No of course not! God gave us the tools—our brains and hands—to help cure for her."

"Soon we shall all be climbing up and looking back."

Her letter must have caused a few people to hesitate on their way to Australia House.

Sapper's Job Not A Happy One

There are still some 30,000 anti-invasion mines down along England's southern and eastern coasts. Two thousand sappers face extreme danger in the work of clearing them.

Long exposure to sea, air and water has rotted some of the mines, making them more dangerous than they would have been earlier. Who would be a sapper in these piping days of peace?

British soldiers' wives in Germany are living in the lap of luxury.

One wife whose husband is stationed at Bremen wrote: "There are more rooms than we can use. We have as much meat as we want and plenty of fresh eggs."

Another bride wrote: "I have a beautiful furnished house, two servants and ample food."

These and similar reports are making even Britons who have no sympathy for the Germans distinctly uneasy.

It is considered that such isolated pockets of luxury in a land of starvation, devastation and misery can only result in storing up ill-will which may last for centuries.

Sale Of Drugged Cigarettes

Scotland Yard is worried over the increasing sale of drugged cigarettes in London's West End.

Addicts pay as much as £2 for a packet of 10 cigarettes made of Indian hemp and tobacco.

The hemp is believed to be bought from Lascars at London docks by unscrupulous peddlers, who make a quick and lucrative profit in Soho's back streets.

Lockyard police are now co-operating with Scotland Yard in an attempt to crush the racket before it reaches more serious proportions.

The police believe that many recent crimes have been committed under the influence of drugged cigarettes.

News that a German scientist has succeeded in extracting butter from coal caused speculation whether Fuel Minister Shinwell would consider importing some of this butter and get British scientists to extract coal from it.

The crew of the aircraft-carrier *Triumph*, in which Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser went to Russia for the Red Navy celebrations, were impressed by Russian official-organised kindness but unimpressed by other features of the visit.

Main grouse was that inferior beer cost five shillings a pint and small buns five shillings each.

Publican Had The Last Word

The continued beer shortage is creating a certain bitterness among strangers—and locals—in London pubs.

When one stranger complained to the landlord of a North London pub that he'd been waiting 10 minutes without being served, the landlord replied: "Brother, you've been waiting 10 minutes to see me. I've been waiting a lifetime to see you. You can wait a little longer."

Notes at Random: A minor gold rush started in Upper-Boddygton (Northamptonshire) when a local water-diviner, J. Worrall, discovered his twig could find gold as well as water. The gold rush stopped when an assayer's test showed the "gold" to be sandstone.

Banbury (Oxfordshire) will have no Darts League next winter because of the beer shortage. That should make Banbury criers.

Sheep-breeding is declining in Lincolnshire because it is difficult to find shepherds willing to work during the week-ends.

This week the meat content of sausages goes up 10 per cent. In future they may be eaten without marmalade.

Queerest strike of the week was that by 400 London tram men who wanted to protect the public from travelling in "dilapidated, unroadworthy trams."

They struck for 24 hours, and the public, duly protected, walked instead.

Heard in court: "My husband is a child in most things, but a man when it comes to swearing at me."

Saving China's Farm Animals

China's farm animals—the key to the country's agricultural life—are receiving greater protection than ever before from high mortality rate epidemics through the efforts of UNRRA's far-reaching animal disease control programme.

Invaluable vaccines and sera, heretofore unknown in China, have been rushed from the United States to combat various epidemics. UNRRA veterinarians are assisting Chinese scientists in producing biologicals and are giving lectures and demonstrations to veterinary and animal husbandry students.

UNRRA's efforts to guard farm animals against such epidemics as rinderpest, Bang's disease and cholera is of great importance now in view of the 20 per cent depletion of livestock from disease and slaughter by the Japanese during the war years. The loss of animals in such provinces as Hunan was a contributing reason for the famine there this summer. Meat substituting for water buffalo could only plough and cultivate a small part of their fields. The loss of one water buffalo or yellow cow would rob a peasant of the rice paddy,

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner.



"I had the most terrible dream the other night—I dreamed the establishment had been given away on one of these radio programs!"

Italian Bitterness

A mood of bitterness, almost of despair, today is sweeping over the Italian people. The harsh treatment being meted out to Italy at the Paris Conference is producing a cynical disillusion.

By RANDOLPH CHURCHILL

ment which bodes ill for the future of the new Italian republic. The Italians expected to suffer for the warlike acts of aggression perpetrated by the Fascist government and, above all, to pay for the notorious "stab in the back" of June, 1940. But three years have now passed since the royal military coup d'état which deposed Mussolini. The Italians were invited by the Allies to "work their passage home." This

which the Italians hoped would win favourable recognition, is the lapse time, which they thought would allow passions to cool and would make impossible a peace based on punishment and revenge. Yet Italy has been what, on nearly every Italian issue which comes before the Peace Conference, the decision goes against her. Trieste is to be internationalized; Italy is to lose all her African colonies, even those acquired before the Fascist regime; the Dodecanese are to be ceded to Greece; Italy is to be left barely one-fifth of her fleet; Briga and Tenda, with their hydroelectric stations high in the mountainous passes of the French-Italian border, are to be annexed by France. Meanwhile, the long delay in coming to any settlement makes foreign trade almost impossible and is greatly hampering Italy's economic recovery.

The only area where Italy has been favoured is the South Tyrol, where even the Italians admit that case is weak. This decision by the Foreign Ministers has not yet been approved by the Peace Conference. In fact, it is being actively challenged in Paris by some of the smaller powers, notably Australia and Canada.

Some people argue that, since Italy has lost so much, it is only right that she be allowed to keep the South Tyrol. But those who assert that international justice and the principle of self-determination require that the South Tyrol be restored to Austria reply that you cannot remedy one injustice by perpetrating another.

According to their argument, which is finding many supporters in Paris, Italy should be allowed a larger share of her fleet and, above all, should be given a United Nations mandate over Trieste. But whatever the decisions in these cases, it would be unjust to leave 200,000 Austrian Tyrolese under a race whom they have every reason to hate.

It is thus clear that the Italian treaty will not have an easy passage through the Peace Conference. Practically every decision of the four Foreign Ministers on this treaty will be challenged from one quarter or another. Thus, an atmosphere of horrible uncertainty dominates the whole Italian political scene. The Italians cannot be sure how severe the peace treaty will be or even if there ever will be a peace treaty. Premier Alcide de Gasperi is known to hold the view that he would rather have no treaty than a bad one.

All this, of course, suits Soviet Russia, whose plain policy it is to keep Europe in an unsettled condition as long as possible. Meanwhile, the Italians, seeing their affairs being handled not on the basis of justice and morality but solely on the basis of deal between the big powers, are losing confidence in a permanent European settlement. And their resulting disillusionment may well prove fatal to the nascent Italian republic.

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little petty pilfering from one woman in the family, but not from two. No wonder he won't send you any more pocket money.

Well, Ivy, it's interesting seeing your correspondence handle and I'm looking forward to your next letter. The signs are that Reggie will propose next week, and I hope your notice will be better. Avoid heating foods like porridge.

UNCLE NAT

DON'T BLAME REGGIE

By NAT GUBBINS, of the "Sunday Express"

Dear Ivy—Thank you so much for your interesting letter describing the first week of your holiday.

As your mum says, you ought to write a book, and I daresay you will, if somebody doesn't stop you.

But before you decide on literature as a career, give the stage a chance. If you grow too plump for the chorus you can always join the ranks of the women novelists, where weight doesn't count.

Although I don't like to say so at the time, I was a little doubtful about the wisdom of spending a holiday with two young men. As I have said, it's great fun for you, and I certainly can't blame you for enjoying the situation.

And I expect Reggie, the jolly fair one, is enjoying it too. He is obviously what is known as an extrovert, whose emotions are all on the surface and therefore never go very deep. But I feel a little sorry for the dark and thoughtful Reggie, who is the exact opposite, an introvert, who will torture himself with jealousy and imaginary grievances.

In fact, I am not so sure they are all imaginary. I can't see why he should take Reggie's cruel imitations of his accent in a sporting spirit, especially as he seems to be paying for all the outtings.

I see by your address you are staying at a boarding-house instead of one of Reggie's camps. Well, I daresay the camps are very nice for those who like that sort of thing, but I must agree with Reggie that the very name "camp" makes you think of the Army. Unless you are a born military type you don't want to think about that any more.

All the same, you can't expect wonderful food at a boarding-house. They were notorious for their meanness before rationing, and I don't suppose Reggie is far wrong when he says your landlady is "hogging" your points—"hogging" being a military term for selling the rations, or anything else, for beer money.

You have asked me, Ivy, how you can be absolutely fair to Reggie and your triangular holiday.

Well, it's fair enough if you all go bathing together, though I don't think it quite fair that Reggie is the only one to remember to bring cigarettes when you're sunbathing.

It seems fair to go to the pictures with Reggie one night and to the Merry Madcap Concert Party with Reggie. The next, though it's unfair to Reggie to blame him for drinking too much on the night he's left alone, introverts are like that.

You must adopt the different attitude of Reggie, the extrovert. He took another girl to the pictures and had a pretty good time.

You were mad at him, of course, though not so mad as you were at poor Reggie, who is so fond of you that he prefers her to any other girl.

Nevertheless, it is interesting to note that your subconscious mind is strictly impartial. Nothing could be fairer than to dream of Bonnie one night and Reggie the next.

According to the letter from your dad, he seemed a bit worried about this holiday of yours, though I can't see what he has to be worried about. He must know that there's safety in numbers, and from what I know about boarding-house handmaids, they're pretty strict on morals, even if they are thieves like your points hogger.

It's an odd thing, Ivy, that people who are always watching for sin in others are usually sinners themselves, though I suppose a landlady would never think of cheating as a sin.

So long as you don't take money out of people's pockets or forge a cheque, swindling is considered respectable.

But I'm not surprised that your dad's wild with you for taking his last stick of shaving soap because you can't get any other kind, and I think it was thoughtless and not quite honest of you to run off with his utility socks because you want to be a bobby exponent, but don't want to spend your own clothing coupons.

That's no way to treat dad, Ivy, even if your mum does take his handkerchiefs when she has a cold. He can stand a cold at foot on preceding Col.)

SMUTS' WARNING OF TWO CAMPS

Biggest Issue Arising Out Of Paris Conference

Fears Should Be Set At Rest

Paris, Oct. 7. With nine days left to complete the consideration of the draft treaties with the five European ex-enemy satellites, the Paris Conference entered its last phase this afternoon when Mr. Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, presided over the Military session dealing with the Italian treaty.

The first speaker was Senator Tom Connally, Senatorial adviser to Mr. James Byrnes, United States Secretary of State, who said a just solution of the problem of Trieste and the frontier between Yugoslavia and Italy was essential to a peace settlement with Italy. Recommendations that the political and territorial committee for Italy had forwarded to the plenary conference were among the most important on which the conference must formulate its advice.

"Not only is that problem essential for a lasting peace but it is one of the most vexing problems with which the conference has to deal," he declared.

"The United States delegation has repeatedly made clear that a decision must be taken as a whole. Furthermore unless there is a satisfactory statute assuring independence of the free territory and full fundamental rights and freedoms of the inhabitants it cannot be accepted."

Words Not Enough

"The territory must have the fullest possible freedom and voice in its own affairs. It must have a life of its own, free from domination from any outside influence—it must be free and independent."

Senator Connally continued: "Any statute must assure adequate and satisfactory guarantees that an international character will be maintained and that the rights and freedoms of the inhabitants will be fully protected. To achieve these aims it is not sufficient to agree to words in a document which can and will be interpreted in diverse ways."

Senator Connally added that the minimum machinery must be provided to secure implementation. "The Governor cannot, as has been suggested, be regarded as the dictator or agent for any one foreign group of powers. The people of Trieste will have ample opportunity to take their case to the Security Council should they consider any act of the Governor unjustified."

Free Access

"The Governor is an instrument of an international organization charged with the maintenance of peace and security. He must have sufficient powers to fulfill this responsibility. Lack of confidence in the Governor in this function would only imply lack of confidence in the organization which he represents." The countries of Central Europe should be given free access to the territory without discrimination. It should be and should remain demilitarized.

"The first days of the existence of the new territory are of the utmost importance for its future independence and

well-being. The Security Council should immediately be initiated with the organization of problems with which the conference has to deal," he declared.

The United States delegation urges the plenary conference to adopt and forward to the Council of Foreign Ministers, a proposal of the committee as expression of its own judgment.

Fatal Impression

Field Marshal Jan Smuts, the South African Prime Minister, who followed, said that one disappointing and discouraging feature of the conference had been the constancy of voting of the Slav group and the Western group against one another.

"We seem already in this moment of unparalleled victory to be forming up into new camps between east and west," he said.

"That would be a fatal impression and we must dispel it without loss of time. Our leadership must take counsel together and set the peoples' mind at rest. This fear of our splitting up into two camps transcends all other issues arising from this conference, and should be dispelled. I myself, do not think we are parting in our ways and I consider the fear is much exaggerated. But the fear is spreading and must be halted. Unless it is stopped the drift may lead to a real rift; it may even lead to a real partition of the ways. Such a development in the hour of victory is really unthinkable. Let this conference end with a message of hope and not of despair. This is what the world is waiting for. Let the clarion call go forth from this conference to our Allied peoples which will rally them and maintain their united front in peace as they have kept it in war."

Answers Found

"In view of the great differences and conflicting claims in connection with these peace treaties and the vigour and violence with which they were fought out in the commissions, many despair of the success of the conference," Field Marshal Smuts said.

"Many will no doubt be disappointed with some of its results but at any rate the answers have been found to what appeared to be insoluble questions and on the whole the con-

BASES IN AFRICA?

London, Oct. 8. An authoritative War Office source yesterday said that the General Staff had proposed tentatively the withdrawal of administrative and supply bases from the Eastern Mediterranean, including Palestine, to Kenya and Tanganyika.

The proposal envisaged the retention of British forward operational bases as long as practicable in such countries as the Sudan, Palestine, Trans-Jordan and Iraq, the source said. — Associated Press.

ference need not be ashamed of the results achieved."

Marshal Smuts called the Italian-Austrian agreement over the Tyrol "the highlight of the conference" and defended his country's support of Italy and Greece as being "based on good public policy and by no means on a prejudice against other peoples." He congratulated France in her recovery from the effects of war.

M. K. V. Kiselev (White Russia) concentrated on the United States amendment to Article 13 of the Italian treaty providing that citizens of ceded territories should be guaranteed the fundamental freedoms. Such a proposition, he said, put Allied states on the same footing as ex-enemy states and was "unjust, offensive and based on distrust." Both the Yugoslav and French constitutions contained full guarantees of fundamental freedoms and in addition all the Allies were signatories of the United Nations Charter guaranteeing those rights. "In my opinion such a second guarantee is not necessary and would tend to upset mutual confidence and respect between the Allies," he declared.

Mr. J. A. McEaney of Australia renewed his country's proposal, defeated in committee, for an article in each of the treaties providing for a revision of the terms in due course. On Australia's proposal for a court of human rights, also defeated in committee, Mr. McEaney said that while Australia would not press it again, "we may well have been here not at the end but at the beginning of a project which will in due course enhance the security and protection of the rights of free men."

The plenary session then adjourned at 6.40 p.m. until 9.30 p.m.—Reuter.

SMUTS HIGHLIGHT OF PARIS CONFERENCE

(By Sylvain Mangeot, Reuters Diplomatic Correspondent)

Paris, Oct. 7. Reactions to Field Marshal Jan Smuts' statement that the Paris Conference has not failed—unquestionably the highlight of the first plenary session in the final stage of the conference—are sharply divided.

The majority of the senior delegates discussing Marshal Smuts' speech agreed that in placing the work of the conference in its proper perspective against the background of post-war relationships between the Allies, the South African Premier had displayed the clear-sightedness of an experienced elder statesman, whose detachment from small issues enables him to distinguish between the wood and the trees.

Others—and notably some of the younger delegates upon whom has fallen the burden of many weeks' tedious committee work—criticised Marshal Smuts' judgment of the relative success of the conference. They argued that there was little evidence from the work of the committees to warrant his assumption that the conference had discovered an acceptable solution to the riddle of Trieste.

Whether or not Marshal Smuts' optimism on this score is justified will depend upon two developments:

1. Whether the Russian delegation in Paris accepts without further opposition the recommendations of the Italian Political and Territorial committee when the plenary session votes on the Trieste question after tomorrow, and

2. Whether Russia will accept as binding any recommendation on Trieste which emerges from the Paris conference when the Big Four draft final versions of the Italian treaty.

The Key

The answer to these two questions in the opinion of conference delegates and observers here is the key to one of Russia's most important problems in the field of foreign policy.

On the one hand Russia is already bound by principles of internationalisation which she accepted last July in the conference of Foreign Ministers. These principles have now been filled in by the more detailed recommendations of the Italian committee of the Paris conference. If these are adopted by a two-thirds majority, Russia can only continue to oppose them in the knowledge

that she is virtually applying a veto to obstruct the majority wish of her allies.

On the other hand if she accepts the majority she is running counter to Yugoslavia, generally reckoned as her closest partner and ally in the post-war pattern of Eastern Europe.

Marshal Smuts today virtually assumed that Russia would choose the wider loyalty by accepting the Trieste solution to which the three Western powers have already given their approval. If he proves correct in his assumption there will be few delegates here who will disagree with his estimate that the Paris conference has achieved more than was apparent to many of those who have taken part in it from day to day.—Reuter.

Horrible But Just

Gambier, Ohio, Oct. 8. The justice of the Nuremberg trials, a question raised here by Senator Robert Taft, is affirmed by the Right Reverend Philip Carrington, Archbishop of Quebec.

He described the Court's decision as a "horrible action, but a necessary and just action."

He made the remark in religious services conducted in Kenyon College's episcopal chapel for the delegates to the conference on the heritage and responsibility of the English-speaking peoples.

The Archbishop, in an interview later, made it clear that he spoke only for himself.

"We have just fought a war on behalf of our heritage. Such was our faith at the time and we recently have failed that faith by an act which is as sublime as it is horrible: the execution of the guilty. That act is yours and mine, just as the war was yours and mine."—Associated Press.

Atom Energy Control

New York, Oct. 8. Scientists of the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission have answered the Mexican question on controlling production of atomic energy "but it is understood that several scientists felt that the matter was more political than scientific."

A United Nations announcement said scientific chairman Professor Kramers of the Netherlands will give a preliminary answer to the Commission's political group today.

The answer is not disclosed but the announcement quoted Kramers as saying the Mexican question had far-reaching political implications.—Associated Press.

SOMEONE SAID TOO MUCH

London, Oct. 7. The Vatican Radio said today that no one had been authorised to give the Pope's opinion on the Nuremberg trial sentences.

"We have been authorised to state that a recent statement by a so-called spokesman of the Vatican giving a summary of the Holy Father's opinion on the sentences, is entirely unauthorized and without foundation," the Radio added.—Reuter.

The sextette had 45 automatics and had taken their jewellery before attacking one of them.—Associated Press.

Wallace Plea For "Give"

Washington, Oct. 8. Henry A. Wallace, in a letter to the "Washington Post," writes that he agrees with Bernard M. Baruch that the inspection system should be part of any international atomic control and is "aware" that the Russians have opposed it.

But he says, Soviet opposition on this point "may not be unrelated to our inflexibility on the issue of our continuing to produce and stockpile atomic bombs."

Wallace wrote: "What I am pleading for is to 'give' on both sides on assumption that finding a way to live together in one world is much more important than sticking to our guns. I am sure such a way can be found without endangering either American or Russian security requirements during the conduct of negotiations and transition to international control of atomic energy."—Associated Press.

On Nazi Pattern?

Montreal, Oct. 7. Comparing the Jewish resistance movement in Palestine with the Hitler youth, Dr. I. M. Rabinovich, Montreal General hospital specialist and professor at McGill university, told the Canadian club in Montreal today that recent events had created greater anti-Semitism.

He blames political Zionists, who, he said, represented only six per cent of the Jewish people. "But they are so powerful that even the rabbis are silent and dare not speak against the political Zionists for the sake of their livelihood," he said.

Dr. Rabinovich added that the Haganah (Jewish resistance movement) in Palestine was like the Hitler youth, which all boys of 16 had to join or have their life made unbearable for them.—Reuter.

Hurricane Heads For Florida

Florida, Oct. 8. The entire west coast of Florida was urgently alerted yesterday as a tropical hurricane, with winds of over 100 miles an hour, headed toward the resort and citrus crop area.

At 1530 G.M.T., the storm centre was 130 miles west of Key West, the weather bureau said.

A report received here said the citrus crop is nearing harvest and growers expressed alarm over the hurricane. The Red Cross announced that disaster workers had been despatched to the threatened area where shelters had already been established for emergency housing and feeding.—Associated Press.

SAVING CHINA'S FARM ANIMALS

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disinfectants. They have travelled from village to village persuading local magistrates to convince livestock owners to put their trust in modern medicine and not to submit their animals to old-fashioned, worthless remedies. More than 10,000 head of cattle and water buffalo have been immunized on Hainan Island where the rinderpest programme is still continuing under the supervision of Chinese technicians trained by UNRRA veterinarians. At present the most acute outbreak is being experienced in Hongkong, where the vaccine has already been rushed.

Equal effort is being exerted to control hog cholera—number one killer of China's hog population. It is now being used in Formosa, the greatest hog-producing area of China. In the past cholera has wiped out as many as 60 per cent of Formosan hogs.

In addition to direct relief measures of importing veterinary biologics, including leptus, anthrax, Bang's disease vaccine and sera, UNRRA is attempting to rehabilitate China's biological laboratories. UNRRA veterinarians have assisted technicians at laboratories in Peiping, Shanghai and Tientsin. Formosa, in producing various vaccines including the rinderpest vaccine which is made from inoculated chicken eggs. These veterinarians have also given lectures at several of China's universities and colleges, including St. John's University in Shanghai, on new methods and techniques in treating farm animals.

UNRRA has four veterinarians on its animal disease control staff. They are Dr. H. F. Furber, former deputy State veterinarian for the state of Montana; Dr. S. Rabinovich of Laurel, Md.; Dr. Cecil Elder of the University of Missouri; and Dr. F. W. Reed of the University of Kentucky.

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Plain Speaking By Attlee To Truman

London, Oct. 8. No. 10 Downing Street sources said yesterday that Prime Minister Attlee's last communication to President Truman on the Palestine question called for a reply "which had not yet been received."

Another informed Whitehall source said Mr. Attlee told Truman that the President's statement calling for immediate and substantial Jewish immigration had jeopardized the success of Britain's negotiations with both Jews and Arabs.

The Prime Minister, this informant declared, emphasized to Truman the "great regret" of the British Government that the Presidential statement could not have been delayed, at least until he was made "fully acquainted" with the factors governing the adjournment of the London talks.

Mr. Attlee is also reported to have told Truman that his action had "embarrassed" the mandatory power considerably in an already difficult and delicate situation. The effect of Mr. Attlee's communication, the informant stated, was that in the present circumstances there was no prospect at all of Britain complying with Truman's demand for "immediate and substantial" Jewish immigration into Palestine.

Meanwhile, Arthur Creech Jones, newly appointed Colonial Secretary, will receive Dr. Chaim Weizmann, world President of the Jewish Agency, and other executive members today to discuss the conditions which would enable the Government to proclaim a general amnesty for Jews detained in Palestine internment camps.

Second Cable?

In Washington, the White House declined to comment on a report that President Truman had sent a second confidential cable to Prime Minister Clement Attlee on the Palestine problem.

SENTENCE ON PARATROOPS

Singapore, Oct. 7.

The 243 paratroopers of the Sixth Airborne Division who were sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labour on charges of mutiny in Malaya, are not going to India to serve their sentences at present.

Lieutenant-General Sir Montague Stopford, Commander-in-Chief of Allied Land Forces, Southeast Asia, said today: "Rebelling to questions whether it was true that the men were leaving very soon for India, General Stopford said no movement to India was at present envisaged.—Reuter."

GIRLS ATTACKED

Manila, Oct. 8.

Two American girls employed by the United States Army Signal Corps were held up by six armed men in suburban Manila and forced to drive their car off the road into a ravine where one of the girls was criminally attacked.—The girls told officers that

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N.Y. Stock Market

New York, Oct. 7.

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Mild support arrived after the opening. Initial declines running two or more points were reduced or converted into advances by midday.

Associated early gainers backed down near the close and the direction remained cloudy.

Transfers held under 1,000,000 shares.

In front were Bethlehem, Youngstown Sheet & General Motors, Goodyear, and United States Rubber. Stumblers included Chrysler, Woolworth, Caterpillar Tractor, Anaconda, Dow Chemical, Philip Morris, was up better than two on meagre sales and a weak boost in cigarette prices.

The cautious buying was attributed partly to the belief by some customers that the list may have touched bottom and is due for a technical revival.

The Dow Jones Averages: 20 Industrials 168.87, 15 Rails 46.65, 10 Utilities 34.38, Stocks 60.71.

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BLONDE DIPLOMAT

London, Oct. 7.
The latest recruit in the ranks of Britain's Diplomatic Service is blonde, 28-year-old Miss Monica Milne, who is the first woman to qualify for joachim service under the new recruitment scheme.
A Foreign Office spokesman said today: "Miss Milne is now a fully fledged member of the British Foreign Service with exactly the same status as a male diplomat and she is eligible to rise to the highest rank in the service."—Reuter.

Shanghai Crime Wave

(By Spencer Moosa)
Shanghai, Oct. 8.
Several odd features accompany the minor crime wave in Shanghai, the most notable being the attendance at a woman's funeral of her self-confessed slayer—her husband, a Russian named Ivan Tomiloff, 30-year-old former policeman.

Tomiloff, who said that he had suspected his wife, Anna, of infidelity, was accompanied to the graveside by two detectives.
They were with him earlier during the Requiem Mass at Saint Nicholas Church, at which a number of women shouted "Murderer" and made attempts to strike him until the priest successfully exhorted them to be quiet.
In another crime, the police arrested a Chinese who had impersonated an Army officer, told a waitress she was too good for her job, took her to a hotel, had her sleeping pills and decorated with her jewellery and other valuables.
But the climax, from the point of view of oddity, were two almost identical cases; first, of a Chinese who, tiring of his wife, had her brought to Court as a collaborator; and secondly, of a Russian who similarly denounced his wife after quarrels over which of them was the owner of the flat they had been sharing.—Associated Press.

HANSSON'S FUNERAL

Stockholm, Oct. 7.
King Gustav will attend the funeral service for Per Albin Hansson, Sweden's Socialist Prime Minister, in the Stockholm Cathedral on Sunday, and detachments from all Labour Party organisations throughout the country will carry red banners draped with black crepe.
From the church mourners will follow the dead Premier's coffin through the streets of Stockholm.
Stockholm is the Church where Sweden's kings—with the exception of King Gustav, who refused coronation on grounds of his coyness—have been crowned and married and mourned on their passing.—Reuter.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 7.30 to 8.30 p.m., and 9.15 to 11.00 p.m., also on 9.52 megacycles.
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.35 p.m.—Donald Peters, "Cavalier of Soul."
12.47 p.m.—The Band Wagons, an Announcement.
1.00 p.m.—New Weather Report and Announcement.
1.10 p.m.—Orchestra Interlude.
1.15 p.m.—Songs from the Films.
1.20 p.m.—"A Piano and a Violin."
1.25 p.m.—Anita Kline and Joseph Galt.
1.30 p.m.—Close Down.
1.35 p.m.—Joe Davids and His Jive.
1.40 p.m.—"Uranian" and "The Merry Macs."
1.45 p.m.—London Relay "Pleasure Beach."
1.50 p.m.—London, Transcription, "Accident on Highway."
1.55 p.m.—Alfred and His Orchestra.
2.00 p.m.—London Relay News.
2.05 p.m.—"The Big Top Show."
2.10 p.m.—Maurice and His Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Classical Requests.
2.20 p.m.—Instrumental.
2.25 p.m.—Jazz Requests.
2.30 p.m.—London Relay News.
2.35 p.m.—Dance Music.
2.40 p.m.—Twilight.
2.45 p.m.—Dance Music.
2.50 p.m.—Dance Music.

Commercial Trips Over The Pole

(By Max Boyd)

Cairo, Oct. 8.
Commercial air service over the top of the world is practicable from a communications standpoint, despite repeated blackouts of high radio frequencies in the Polar region by sunspot flare-ups, Lieutenant-Colonel F. J. Shannon, communications officer of the Super-Fortress "Pacusan Dreamboat" told Associated Press yesterday.

Shannon, engineer for radio station WCAU of Philadelphia, who was called back to Army service especially for the 9,500 mile flight that the "Dreamboat" completed on Sunday from Honolulu to Cairo, pointed out that the shortest route between the two cities is across the Northern wastes.

"If commercial air lines decide to use this region as an air route, I believe they could have successful communications with a few well-placed low frequency radio stations," he said.
Radio stations are already being operated by Canada at a copper mine in the extreme North-West Territory, at Arctic Bay, Cambridge Bay and Baffin Island, and Colonel Shannon added, by Denmark in Greenland.

Increased power and navigation for them would go far, he continued, towards safeguarding flights when sunspot activity blacks out high radio frequencies which are used normally by aircraft to communicate great distances with the small power available in planes.

On the basis of previous experience and the fact that the Aurora Zone is known for disturbances in the earth's ionized and gaseous envelope which decreases or blacks out radio, especially in high frequencies, Colonel Shannon figured that the "Dreamboat" might be out of communication with the rest of the world for 10 hours or more.

No Guessing

Major N. P. Hays, of Seneca, Missouri, the "Dreamboat's" navigator, told the Associated Press that navigation in the Polar region is done the same way as elsewhere, but that it requires precise adherence to the rules of celestial and dead reckoning navigation.

"You don't do any guessing up there. The magnetic compass is of no value and there is no emergency fields to tune in to and land on if you're wrong," he said.

"It wasn't possible to tune in and land until we reached Iceland," he added.

The "Dreamboat," he said, used a directional gyroscope which had to be corrected every half hour by "shooting the stars" when the skies were clear.—Associated Press.

Saw Her "Dead" Father

London, Oct. 7.
When Mrs. Joyce Quinton saw the film, "The True Glory" which tells the story of the airborne troops at Arnhem, Holland, she was certain she saw her father who was reported killed several months before the shot was taken.

Today Mrs. Quinton and her sister saw the film at the War Office's own theatre and stated they were certain the man was their father, Driver E.S. Page. Mrs. Quinton said he was looking into space and she thought he had lost his memory.

The War Office are having a photograph made from the film, circulated in an effort to trace Page.—Reuter.

BANDIT SWOOPS

Athens, Oct. 7.
Bandit swoops on towns and villages in mountainous Macedonia are continuing.

One report says bandits estimated at 500 strong attacked and captured a town in the Kipourion district, western Macedonia.

The spokesman of the Greek General Staff said today that Greek regular reserves in certain classes will be mobilized for military service during an indeterminate period, to help the Greek armed forces in the restoration of security in certain rural regions.—Reuter.

Beiping, Oct. 8.
The Police Bureau reports that 797,000 persons, or nearly half the population of Beiping, are unemployed, helping the Government to raise money from the unemployed population to finance the University.—Associated Press.

China And Rice From Siam

Singapore, Oct. 7.
China's rice allocation from Siam is to be diverted during October, November and December to Malaya, Borneo, Hong Kong and the Netherlands East Indies, according to a statement today from the office of Lord Killern, British Special Commissioner in South East Asia.

The statement says this was decided at a meeting of the International Emergency Food Council in Washington with agreement of the Chinese representatives. "The emergency arrangement is due to the increasingly critical rice position in the territories named and is made on the understanding that the shipments diverted from China will be repaid to the Chinese Government not later than March 31, 1947," the statement added.

Mr. Somerset Butler, chairman of the Combined Siam Rice Commission, has thanked the Chinese Ambassador and Chinese rice interests in Bangkok for the "generous co-operation of the Chinese Government in coming to the assistance of suffering among the population in Malaya and elsewhere."

The statement adds that it has been possible for China to extend this "valuable help at a most anxious moment" because China's recent rice harvest is sufficient for the next few months, by which time the crops in India and South East Asia will be reaped.—Reuter.

OBSCENE

Canberra, Oct. 8.
The Australian Customs Department has banned the importation of the book, "The Memoirs of Hecate County." The novel is by a United States author, Edmund Wilson. It is banned on the ground that it is obscene.—Associated Press.

Bikini Test's Effect On Royal Navy

London, Oct. 6.
Bikini atomic bomb tests have influenced the design and composition of Britain's future Navy, which will consist of a large number of all-welded smaller types of ships, many more fast destroyers and fewer big battleships and aircraft-carriers.

These warships will be faster, lighter and better fighting ships than those now in service. There will be many more of them—they will be produced, probably, in hundreds.

Results of the first Bikini test have now been considered by naval strategists at the Admiralty and new technique is being worked out by them for future Fleet operations.

Professor M. L. E. Oliphant, other atom bomb scientists and the naval observers at Bikini, testified that none of the ships in the explosion area at the atoll was in a condition to fight a naval engagement after the bomb had been dropped.

As a result of this conclusion plans, it is learned, are already well under way for large fleets of these new fast destroyers.

They will be prefabricated ships in the main, and they will be built in factories all over the country.

Naval experts are convinced that the all-welded ship is a better fighting unit, and it, holed in combat, has a much better chance of staying afloat and reaching port.

A number of such destroyers have already been built and have proved these conclusions are correct.
In an emergency they could be turned out quickly in large numbers, so that many new vessels would be constantly reinforcing the fleets from week to week.
"Prefabricated" naval vessels could be built and stored in parts at strategic centres long before they were required, and then assembled in a week or two," a naval expert said.

San Francisco, Oct. 8.
The Seals won the Pacific Coast baseball league play-off from Oakland 6-0.—Associated Press.

H.K. Soccer Council Full Meeting

The question of further charity games—other than those on the Double Tenth, Remembrance Day and the International Charity game—will be left to the Football League Management Committee for recommendations, it was decided at the first meeting of the full Council of the Hong Kong Football Association yesterday.
The Seven-a-Side competition proceeds will be paid out in two weeks' time, when a representative of the International Red Cross Committee will be available, it was announced.

"THE REST"

The following have been chosen to represent "The Rest" of the Colony against Combined Chinese at Causeway Bay on October 10 at 4.30 p.m.:
Pone (R.A.F.), Hong (Navy) and Sinclair (R.A.F.); Livsey (I/S Command) and Burns (R.A.F.); B. Gosono (St. Joseph's), Haggie (Navy), Redman (I/S Command), Capt. Humble (I/S Command), Scarp (Navy), Recurve (Club), (I/S Command), Mullen (Club), Forrow (Club), and Beach (R.A.F.).

Birmingham Beat Sparta

London, Oct. 7.
Birmingham City Football Club beat Sparta (Czechoslovakia) by three goals to one at Birmingham today after a half-time score of one all.

The visitors took the lead in the 28th minute through their centre forward, but within two minutes Trigg, the Birmingham centre forward, headed through from a left-wing corner kick.
The inside left, Wilson Jones, who had come on as a substitute in the second half, gave the home team the lead after 56 minutes and seven minutes later, Trigg headed in from a right wing centre.

At times there were gaps in the Sparta defence, but the home team did not make most of these chances.
Results of other football games today were:
Second Division: Millwall 2 Luton 0; Tottenham Hotspur 3 Newport County 1.—Reuter.

Southpaw's Great Game

St. Louis, Oct. 8.
Harry Brecheen squared the 1946 World series for the St. Louis Cardinals by shutting out the Boston Red Sox 3 to 0 with four hits before another capacity crowd of 35,000 customers.
The crafty southpaw hurled a magnificent game and contributed the base hit that drove in the first run in the third inning.
Two St. Louis singles and some jittery infield play by the Sox enabled the Redbirds to score two more in the fifth, more than enough to defeat left-hander Mickey Harris.

With today open for travel, the next game of the 43rd series will be played in Fenway Park, Boston two days hence.
Brecheen showed plenty of stuff time after time. He struck out four men, and walked three, holding Ted Williams hitless. Only twice did the Sox have a man as far as second base, in the second and fourth innings. Both times it was Rudy York who, in each instance, was walked.

There wasn't much doubt about the outcome after the Cards scored two big runs in the fifth inning for Brecheen showed no sign of weakening, getting stronger as the game went along.
After catcher Del Rice doubled to left field in the third, Brecheen drove him home with a single, dropping it in front of Tom McEvers in short right field.

In the fifth inning Rice started to swing with a single to left. Brecheen bunted. Pinky Higgins swung wildly to second, the ball squaring up off Johnny Pesky's glove and all hands were safe.
Cardinal Schoendienst rolled to Bobby Doerr, and Terry Moore scored Rice with a single.
Mullen rapped hard to Doerr, Brecheen scoring on the play.

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Harry Brecheen (17 and 1/3, 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors) and Eddie Wagner (5), Brecheen and Rice.

NO STRIKE

Liverpool, Oct. 7.
Mr. W. C. Cuff, President of the Football League, said the meeting here today of the soccer players' strike threat, declared "I do not think there will be a strike. A strike is illegal. The Players' Union are endeavouring to force the issue, but if they think they can intimidate the League Management Committee they are grossly mistaken."
He added that he did not think the Government would interfere on the issue.—Reuter.

Cesarewitch Callovers

London, Oct. 7.
Callover on the Cesarewitch at the Victoria Club tonight was: Ten to one Cesarewitch covered, 100 to nine taken. Twenty-one to one Tony Lumpkin; Hundred to one Geoffrey's Lady offered, 20 to one taken. Twenty to one Ford Transport taken, and offered. Twenty to one Willy offered, 20 to one taken. Twenty-two to one Regard Volant, 20 to one taken. Both taken and offered. Twenty-five to one Foxhall offered, 20 to one taken. Twenty-five to one Calrain offered, 20 to one taken. Twenty-five to one Gusti Lady, Crusader, Tregor and Voluntary. Twenty-eight to one Austerly. Thirty-three to one Saxton, Minerva, Highland Laddie, Delville Wood, Star Lover and Valiant, all offered.
Cambridgehire callover: Ten to one Wayward Belle offered. Hundred to seven Precipice offered. Fifteen to one taken. Hundred to six Signalman, 20 to one taken. Flag Wallah, 20 to one Le Boss. Hundred to one offered. Twenty-five to one, Achille taken, offered. Twenty-five to one Joan's Star, Stardom, Croucher, French Toy and Whitehall, all offered. Thirty to one. Flighter Command offered, 33 to one taken.
The next callover will be on October 10.

Favourite

Cadenazzo has been installed almost clear favourite over Tony Lumpkin in the Cesarewitch callover. After being backed to win £4,000 at 100 to one, Cesarewitch closed at ten to one, with Tony Lumpkin at 21 to two, with no takers.
Geoffrey's Lady, following an impressive win at Nottingham today, was supported to win £3,000 at 20 to one and finished fourth favourite behind Auralia.
Ford Transport drifted from 100 to six to 20 to one and was laid to win £3,000. Willy came under notice at 22 to one to take £5,000 from the books and closed at 20 to one.
One surprise was the entry into callover of the French six-year-old Foxhall, previously unquoted, and though no large sums were mentioned he finished among the 25 to one's after takers had accepted 25 to one.

There was little money for the Cambridgehire, in which Wayward Belle shortened to ten to one and there was some support for Precipice. There was almost no chance among the other horses, though Flag Wallah dropped two points to finish at 20 to one.—Reuter.

Shield competition, be run as they were before the war.

Gibb Thoroughly At Home Down Under

(By Norman Preston)

Freemantle, Oct. 7.
Few England county grounds are prettier or better equipped than the spacious Freemantle Oval, where the M.C.C. today became the first international side to play.

In comfortable surroundings I enjoyed the splendid show put up by the Colts, who provided stronger opposition than the M.C.C. met at Northern in their first match to gain a creditable draw. Excepting for their captain, the average age of the West Australian side was 25.

As on most Australian wickets the bowlers toiled, hoping batsmen would make mistakes.
I did not think Washbrook was turning the ball well and still adding more experience under the new conditions, but Paul Gibb was thoroughly at home and proved more enterprising than we have known him in England. He stroked his scoring shots fluently and threatens to repeat his valuable pre-war South African form.

For Fishlock the match may have brought complete satisfaction. He was especially careful at first and refused to be tempted to repeat his Oval Test and Northern error by hitting the ball early in his innings.

New Stroke Tried Out In Japan

Osaka, Oct. 8.
A new stroke, which its sponsors say may revolutionise breast stroke the first time at the Japanese National Swimming Championships.

The championships were held at Takarazuka, near Osaka. The new action, which is called the seal stroke because it closely resembles the underwater movement of a seal, is still in the experimental stages. Swum under water, it calls for a high degree of stamina. Swimming experts who saw it performed at Takarazuka said that under Olympic rules, which do not limit the distance which may be swum under water after the start of a breaststroke event, it would probably help swimmers to new records.

The seal stroke was used by three swimmers in the final of the 100 metres breaststroke. None of the swimmers gained a place, but each showed improved speed when he used the stroke. They used the stroke only for the first 40 yards of the distance.

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Swimming enthusiasts said afterwards that if a swimmer were able to sustain the new stroke for the full distance new times would be established.
The final of the 100 metres was won by R. Koike, Olympic organiser of the carnival, went round the official enclosure proudly showing foreign correspondents a gold watch that had been presented to him by the New South Wales Amateur Swimming Association in 1935. Kiyokawa broke most of the Australian backstroke records.

Poor Food

Narao Matsumoto, former Olympic champion and coach of Japan's pre-war stars, said that the lack of proper food was partly to blame for the poor performances.

"Biggest blow to Japanese swimming was the loss of three of the best swimming coaches in the war," added Matsumoto. "It will take five years for Japan to regain her pre-war swimming standard."

The Takarazuka championships, which were the first for five years, showed that Japan had lost all her pre-war mastery of swimming.
At the Olympic Games in Los Angeles in 1932, Japan won five titles, and at Berlin, four years later, she won three. In 1939, Japanese swimmers held five world records.

Contra the Lady Park Club, Causeway Bay Road, continues to function as a social club for service men. Banks in the Colony will continue to go on until an official announcement regarding its closure is made.

Here the servicemen may find recreation and food without undue strain to his financial resources. There is a good swimming-bath at the Club and outdoor and indoor games are available. There is a well-stocked bar that is open from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily where drinks are obtained at N.A.A.F.I. prices.

Reading rooms and rest rooms are supplied and there is living accommodation for service personnel on leave. The Club is open for tea and the Wednesday and Saturday dances are a popular feature.

"WALKER CUP"

London, Oct. 7.
It was stated at a meeting of the St. Andrews Town Council tonight that arrangements are being made to play a Walker Cup golf match between male amateurs of the United States and Britain on the old course at St. Andrews next May.
The match was last played in 1938, when Britain won for the first time in the history of the famous encounter, the match then being played at St. Andrews. It is really the turn of Britain to visit America for the next match, but news from America last week stated that the Americans were anxious to resume the match that they were prepared to send a team to Britain in 1947 if the British authorities would issue the invitation.—Reuter.

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